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Incentives for Setting up Universities
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Government universities functioning in the country at present, State/UTwise;
(b) the policy of the Government regarding the criteria and process of setting up of universities by the private sector to provide higher education in the country;
(c) whether the Government proposes to provide incentive to set up new universities, particularly private universities; and
(d) if so, the details thereof

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)
(a): As per the report of All India Survey on Higher Education 2015-16, the total number of Government universities functioning in the country, State/UT-wise, is given in annexure.
(b) to (d): Private Deemed to be Universities are regulated by the University Grants Commission (UGC) as per the provisions of UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016. The Regulations contain the stringent eligibility criteria and procedure for setting up Private Deemed to be Universities. The Regulations also prescribe provisions to ensure quality and standard of education in Private Deemed to be Universities. Institutions desiring to be declared as Deemed to be Universities have to apply to the Government and if they fulfil all the eligibility conditions mentioned in UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016, they are declared as Deemed to be Universities under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, after getting recommendations of UGC.
State Private Universities are established by the Act of respective State Legislature. They are regulated by their respective State Acts and the UGC (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003. There is no proposal under consideration of Government for providing financial incentives to Private Institutions